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AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371,  
dated October 5, 2006, for the above identified patent application, Applicant submits  
the following:

an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by the  
inventors;

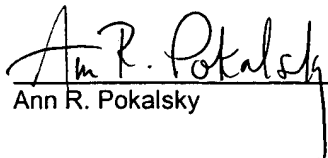
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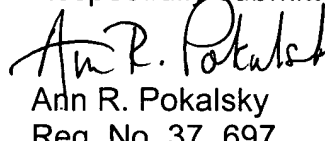
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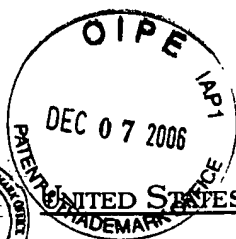
  
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It is believed that no other fees will be incurred as a result of this response. However, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of such fees to deposit account 04-1121. Also in the event that any extensions of time are required for this response, please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge deposit account no. 04-1121 therefore. **TWO COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

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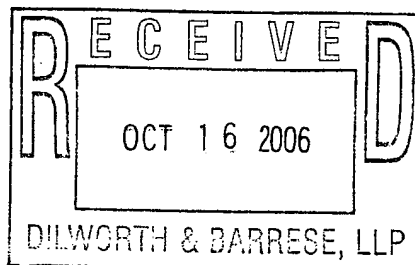
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/03/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/03/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/03/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/03/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/03/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 03/03/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/03/2006
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:

- is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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